

## **Appendix A**

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## **Commission Subcommittee Membership**

(Subcommittee members, particularly Chairs, worked closely with staff, including writing, editing, and review of documents and Commission agendas.)

### *Executive*

Eugene N. Hamilton  
Alex Escarcega  
Sharon Styles-Anderson  
Charles Miller  
Carrie Thornhill

### *Youth Development*

Terri Lee Freeman, Chair  
Linda Bowen  
John Hill, Jr.  
Reverend Karen Taylor  
Carrie Thornhill

### *Legislative*

Sharon Styles-Anderson, Chair  
Cynthia Jones  
Pamela Gray\*  
Wilma Lewis  
Ken Wainstein  
Roscoe C. Howard  
Pat Riley\*  
Richard Monteilh

### *Governance*

Charles Miller, Chair  
Eugene Kinlow  
Richard Monteilh  
Sharon Styles-Anderson  
Carrie Thornhill

### *Programming*

Alex Escarcega, Chair  
Walter Broadnax  
Father Russell Dillard  
Eugene Kinlow  
Charles Miller

\*These designees consistently represented their agencies in research, deliberations, and general Commission business

## **Commission Member Biographies**

**Linda Bowen** is Executive Director of the National Funding Collaborative on Violence Prevention. With fifteen years of experience in program administration and development, policy analysis and research, Ms. Bowen has worked in a number of contexts bearing on youth safety. She has served as a team member for several national initiatives, including Community Schools, Youth Gang Prevention Program, Early Head Start and Family Support and Preservation. She also developed and managed programs for national research and demonstration project to improve child and family outcomes in a program located in a major housing project in Chicago. Ms. Bowen has also authored or co-authored several reports on adolescent pregnancy and parenting, women's issues and issues related to poverty.

**Walter Broadnax** is Dean of the School of Public Affairs at American University in Washington, DC. Just prior to coming to American University, he was Professor of Public Policy and Management in the School of Public Affairs at the University of Maryland where he also directed The Bureau of Governmental Research. Before joining the University of Maryland faculty, Dr. Broadnax served as Deputy Secretary and Chief Operating Officer of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; President, Center for Governmental Research, Inc., in Rochester, New York; President, New York State Civil Service Commission; Lecturer and Director, Innovations in State and Local Government Programs in the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University; Senior Staff Member, The Brookings Institution; Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare; Director, Children, Youth and Adult Services, State of Kansas and Professor, The Federal Executive Institute, Charlottesville, Virginia. He has published widely in the field and served in leadership positions in various professional associations. Dr. Broadnax received his Ph.D. from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University, his B.A. from Washburn University and his M.P.A. from the University of Kansas.

**Timothy Coughlin** has served as President of the Riggs National Corporation since 1992; Director since 1988. He also served as President and Chief Operating Officer between 1985 and 1992, and Chairman of the Riggs Investment Management Corporation since 2001. He has also worked at Chase National Bank and Banque Paribas, where he served as a Senior Vice President. In addition to banking responsibilities at Riggs, Mr. Coughlin currently serves as a Director of Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Brown University and an MBA from New York University.

**Father Russell L. Dillard** is Reverend Monsignor at Saint Augustine Church.

**Alex Escarcega** has over 26 years experience working in the Juvenile Justice System. He began his employment with the Texas Youth Commission, Austin, Texas in 1975 and held various positions of increasing responsibilities in institutions, community residential programs and parole services. Prior to coming to work for the Federal Bureau of Prisons

in Washington, D.C. in 1998, he served as Texas Youth Commission's Director of Juvenile Corrections and Aftercare. As Juvenile Services Administrator for the Federal Bureau of Prisons, he is responsible for conducting major assessments of policies and practices affecting quality programming for federally sentenced juvenile offenders in addition to providing training and technical assistance to tribal, state and other federal agencies on juvenile specific issues. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and Master in Public Administration from the University of Texas at El Paso, where he also served as a lecturer in Juvenile Justice from 1988-1996.

**Terri Lee Freeman** Terri Lee Freeman was appointed President of The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region (The Community Foundation) in July 1996. As President, Ms. Freeman is responsible for providing thought leadership and furthering the mission of the Community Foundation to facilitate individual, family and organizational giving at all levels to improve the quality of life in the metropolitan Washington region. Prior to joining The Community Foundation, Ms. Freeman was the founding executive director of the Freddie Mac Foundation, one of the five largest corporate foundations in the metropolitan Washington region. During her six years as Executive Director, Freeman was responsible for building the Freddie Mac Foundation's giving program from little more than \$300,000 in 1991 to more than \$8 million in 1996. Ms. Freeman obtained her bachelor's degree in Journalism/Communication Arts from the University of Dayton in 1981 and received a Masters degree in organizational communication management from Howard University in 1983.

**Eugene N. Hamilton** is Senior Judge with the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. From 1959 to 1961, Judge Hamilton served on active duty Judge Advocate General Officer in the United States Army. Following his military service he joined the Civil Division of the United States Department of Justice, where he served as a trial attorney until his appointment to the Superior Court of the District of Columbia in 1970. Judge Hamilton has continuously served on the Superior Court since his appointment and he has served in all of the various divisions of the Court. He served as both the Deputy Presiding and Presiding Judge of the Probate and Tax Divisions. In addition, he was Chairperson of the Judicial Training Committee of the Superior Court from 1987 until January 1992. He served continuously from 1991 – 2000 as a member of the Joint Committee for Judicial Administration of the District of Columbia Courts from 1991 – October 2000. On October 29, 1993, Judge Hamilton was designated as Chief Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, becoming the second African American to hold that office. Judge Hamilton was redesignated for a second term as Chief Judge effective November 1, 1997. Judge Hamilton has served since August 2000 as Chairman of the Mayor of the District of Columbia's Blue Ribbon Commission on Youth Safety and Juvenile Justice Reform. Judge Hamilton attended LeMoyne College from 1951 to 1952 and received his B.A. in 1955 and LL.B. in 1959 from the University of Illinois.

**John W. Hill, Jr.** John Hill is a Partner with Andersen, LLP, Office of Government Services. At Andersen, Mr. Hill heads the State and Local Government Industry Team. Prior to joining Andersen, Mr. Hill served as the Executive Director of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority (Control

Board). The Congress of the United States established the Control Board to return the District of Columbia to fiscal solvency, regain access to the credit markets, implement new financial and management systems, improve the delivery of services and recommend changes to the relationship between the District of Columbia and the Federal Government. Mr. Hill has also served as the Director of the Financial Analysis and Audit Assistance Group of the United States General Accounting Office and the Director of Audits for the Marriott Corporation. Mr. Hill is a Certified Public Accountant. He is active in numerous community organizations including the D.C. Children and Youth Investment Trust Corporation, which he chairs.

**Roscoe C. Howard, Jr.** is the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia. Prior to his appointment this year, he served as a Professor of Law at the University of Kansas, Lawrence. He has extensive experience in public service, including tenure as Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia from 1987-1991 and Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Columbia from 1984-1987. He has also worked as a staff attorney at the Federal Trade Commission. Published in several areas, U.S. Attorney Howard received his A.B. from Brown University and a J.D. from the University of Virginia, Charlottesville.

**Cynthia Ellen Jones** was appointed as the Director of the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia ("PDS") in January 2000. Prior to her appointment, Ms. Jones was the Deputy Director of the D.C. Pretrial Services Agency. During her tenure at Pretrial Services from 1997 to 2000, Ms. Jones was credited with developing numerous programs to provide greater drug treatment, community supervision, and services to the over 10,000 people in the D.C. criminal justice system who are released into the community while awaiting trial. Since 1992, Ms. Jones has taught courses at the American University, Washington College of Law and at the George Washington University Law School. Ms. Jones earned a Bachelors degree in criminal justice at the University of Delaware in 1986, and then attended the American University, Washington College of Law, graduating magna cum laude in 1989. After graduation from law school, she served as a law clerk to the Honorable Frank E. Schwelb of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.

**Eugene Kinlow** is a Board Member of the DC Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority.

**Joshua Lopez** is a student at Burke Senior High School.

**Charles A. Miller** has served as a Partner at Covington and Burling since 1967. His specialty areas include state governments, health care, transportation, regulation, federal administrative law, and appellate advocacy. He has represented state governments in health and welfare matters since 1970. Mr. Miller holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Berkeley and an LL.B from the Boalt School of Law at the University of California, Berkeley.

**Richard Monteilh** was selected as President of the D.C. Chamber of Commerce in August 1999. As Chamber President, Mr. Monteilh heads the key advocacy organization focused on the issues and growth of the District's business community. Under his leadership, the Chamber works vigorously to serve both the city's major corporate interests and its neighborhood-based entrepreneurs. Mr. Monteilh has both forged partnerships with District government on behalf of local business and economic development and used Chamber clout to press elected officials to improve the city's business climate. He has also worked to expand business community involvement in city policymaking, strengthening Chamber ties with long-term corporate citizens and reaching out to engage the new economy corporations, which are migrating to the city. Prior to assuming leadership of the Chamber, Mr. Monteilh served as Director of Washington, D.C.'s Department of Housing and Community Development, where he played a key role in bringing together an array of historically fragmented business, political and academic leaders to formulate a single vision for economic development in the District.

**Charles A. Ruff** (deceased) served in a number of important capacities during a long and distinguished career in the Washington, D.C. area. Prior to his untimely passing in late 2000, Mr. Ruff was a Partner at Covington and Burling, where he joined again in 1999 after serving during an earlier period (1982-1995). He served as Counsel to President Clinton from 1997-1999, after completing a term as Corporation Counsel for the District of Columbia from 1995-1997. Over a long and distinguished career, "Chuck," as his friends called him, served as Acting Deputy Attorney General at the Department of Justice, Deputy Inspector General at the United States Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, and Special Prosecutor and Director of a Watergate Special Prosecution Force. He was also active in many civic activities, including the Fair Labor Association Board of Directors and the D.C. Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. Mr. Ruff received his undergraduate degree from Swarthmore College and an LL.B from Columbia Law School. He also possessed an honorary LL.D from Georgetown University.

**Sharon Styles-Anderson** is a graduate of The Georgetown University School of Law. Ms. Anderson spent eleven years as a Staff Attorney and Deputy Trial Chief for the Washington D.C. Public Defender Service. While working for the Public Defender Service, Ms. Anderson defended cases involving juvenile delinquency and serious felony crimes. From 1993 to 1994, Ms. Anderson taught Criminal Procedure, Constitutional Law, and Trial Advocacy for the Georgetown University Criminal Justice Clinic, and supervised law students representing indigent clients in the D.C. Superior Court. From 1994 through 1999, Ms. Anderson taught Evidence and Criminal Procedure, Criminal Law, and Trial Advocacy at the Howard University Law School. During this time, Ms. Anderson founded the Howard University Criminal Justice Clinic and the Huver Isaiah Brown Trial Advocacy Moot Court Team. In 1999, Ms. Anderson entered into private practice, working in the area of general litigation of criminal, civil, and domestic cases. In March of 2000 Ms. Anderson was appointed Senior Deputy Corporation Counsel for Public Protection and Enforcement. She currently oversees all affirmative litigation for the District of Columbia, including juvenile delinquency matters, general criminal

litigation matters, civil collection issues, mental health issues, abuse and neglect prosecutions and domestic violence matters.

**Reverend Karen Taylor** is an Associate Minister of Bright Light Baptist Church located in Takoma Park, Maryland, where the Rev. Dr. Isaac Alston is the Pastor. Born and raised in the District of Columbia, where she attended public schools, Reverend Taylor has worked with a number of youth and women's ministries focused on public service. For her civic work, she has received several awards, including the 2000 Christian Sistahs Inc's Woman of the Year Award and the 1991 Bright Light Guess Who Award for outstanding contributions to the church. Reverend Taylor is employed with the Bethune Museum and Archives, Inc., a nonprofit organization affiliated with the National Park Service. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree with honors from Bennett College, as well as engaged in graduate studies at Howard University. She earned a Certificate in Bible Studies from the Calvary Baptist Institute in 1986.

**Carrie Thornhill** is Vice President for Youth Investment and Community Outreach at DC Agenda. DC Agenda is a community assistance organization. Its mission is to mobilize and support community leadership to address the challenges and opportunities facing the District of Columbia. It acts in partnership with other institutions to fill gaps in expertise and resources to strengthen civic organizations and improve how local government functions. DC Agenda's goals are to: overhaul the systems that serve low-income children and families; strengthen civic infrastructure and expand economic opportunity for DC residents. At DC Agenda, Carrie has responsibility for the following program initiatives: the Children and Youth Investment Partnership, School-to-Careers, Neighborhood Information Service, Neighborhood Leadership Program, Community Neighborhood Environmental Tracking. She has been actively engaged in community development, social action and community building work over 30 years.

## **Commission Staff Biographies**

**Ali Basir**, Special Assistant to the Deputy Mayor for Children, Youth, and Families, also served as the Director of Operations for the Blue Ribbon Commission. He provided administrative and logical support for public input on youth safety and juvenile justice reform in the District of Columbia, as well as coordinated and conducted technical assistance for site visits to local and national programs. He also performed as a Project Manager in the development of the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Youth Safety and Juvenile Justice Reform website. Prior to becoming Special Assistant to the Deputy Mayor, Mr. Basir assisted with the DC Chamber of Commerce membership drive, which significantly increased membership. Mr. Basir also assisted in the development of a comprehensive marketing strategy for Compusearch Software Systems, which resulted in an increase in software sales in public and private markets. He also developed weekly and monthly MIS reports for executive senior management at the Federal National Mortgage Association and served as Assistant to the CEO for the National Committee on Quality Assurance.

**Julie Farber**, MSW, served as a Senior Policy Analyst in the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Children, Youth, and Families, Carolyn N. Graham and worked closely with the Blue Ribbon Commission. Ms. Farber brought experience as a senior policy analyst working on child welfare issues for the District of Columbia government and from previous work at the Center for Social Policy in Washington, D.C.

**Gerard Fergerson**, Ph.D., Research Director for the Commission's study, is a Visiting Scholar in the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service and an Adjunct faculty member in the College of Arts and Science at New York University. A public health and public policy scholar whose areas of interest include urban public policy, disparities in health and social status, and children's and adolescent health, Dr. Fergerson has also worked for the U.S. Congress and the United States Department of Health and Human Services in Washington, D.C. His research and commentary on youth safety and other policy themes has appeared in peer-reviewed and popular publications, including the *Journal of Urban Health*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Journal of Adolescent Health*, *Science as Culture*, and *The Nation*. Dr. Fergerson holds a B.A. with high honors from Wesleyan University, M.A. from Yale University, and Ph.D. in the History of Science from Harvard University.

**Lola Odubekun**, Ph.D., a criminologist, served as a Senior Staff Consultant with the Blue Ribbon Commission on Youth Safety and Juvenile Justice Reform. She has published on differential gender sentencing among other topics bearing on the criminal justice system in the United States. Dr. Odubekun has held numerous affiliations with research entities, including the Vera Institute of Justice in New York City and the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

**Jeanne Oh**, MPA, a Senior Research Associate with the Blue Ribbon Commission on Youth Safety and Juvenile Justice Reform, is a health and public policy researcher. She has worked on numerous projects bearing on children's health and vulnerable populations. Ms. Oh is a graduate of Bryn Mawr College and the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service at New York University.

**Connie Spinner**, MA, Facilitator for the Blue Ribbon Commission process, has over thirty years of experience working with children and youth in the District of Columbia. She has worked as a teacher and principal with DC Public Schools, taught English at American University, and served as a former Executive Director for the Children and Youth Investment Trust Corporation, among many other positions in the education field. Currently, Ms. Spinner is the Director of the State Education Office in the District of Columbia.